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Mr. Bernard Raimo, Jr.  
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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Bernie:

I am writing to you in response to Congressman Mazzoli's letter of 14 September to the Director of Personnel in which the Congressman submitted questions for the record relating to H.R. 5805, a bill that Congressmen Mazzoli and Whitehurst introduced in the 98th Congress to provide benefits to certain former spouses of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) personnel. Enclosed are responses to the questions.

In answering these questions, I must point out that the Administration would not support the retroactive provisions of H.R. 5805. However, the Administration will support a proposal to provide former spouses of CIARDS participants, who do not qualify under the CIA Spouses' Retirement Act because of the prospective application of that Act, with a survivor annuity that would be the same as that provided to former spouses of Civil Service annuitants through enactment of the Civil Service Retirement Spouse Equity Act of 1984. Under this plan, the standards for determining who among the former spouses of CIARDS participants is eligible for a benefit would be the same as the legislative guidelines used in determining qualification for a survivor annuity benefit for former spouses of Civil Service participants under the retroactive portion of the Civil Service Retirement Spouse Equity Act of 1984.

We appreciated the opportunity to testify last fall on former spouse legislation before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and look forward to working with you on this and other personnel matters affecting CIA in the future.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration program.

Sincerely,

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Office of Legislative Liaison

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**Enclosure**

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